Contrary to MCI's Section 222(f)(1)(A) argument,⁵⁴ PIC and PIC-freeze information is clearly CPNI since it "relates" to the customer's service type and usage by identifying the IXC chosen by the customer to provide the service. For that reason, customer "approval" to use CPNI – whether inferred or express – allows the carrier benefiting from such approval to use the information.

6. CPNI Consent

Vanguard asks the Commission to clarify the nature of consent required to use CPNI." The kind of "detail" addressed by Vanguard (i.e., whether a contract requires that CPNI notification/approval language be "at or near the signature line") is inappropriate. The Commission need not, and should not, "clarify" matters of rule implementation where any number of possible carrier implementation approaches would comply with the CPNI rules as promulgated. For example, a notification paragraph addressing CPNI in the body of a contract could just as easily be "compliant" with the current rules as Vanguard's proposed approach. For this reason, the Commission should merely reaffirm that carriers have considerable flexibility in implementation and compliance activities with respect to the rules.

7. Non-Telecommunications Services Billing

Omnipoint asks that the Commission clarify that CMRS "information service and handset billing information are not CPNI merely because they appear on a

⁵⁴ MCI at 16.

⁵⁵ Vanguard at 17-18.

⁵⁶ <u>Id.</u> at 18.

monthly...bill which includes telecommunications charges." Omnipoint raised a similar issue in its comments with respect to the <u>Further Notice</u> issued by the Commission.⁵⁸

As we stated there, U S WEST believes Omnipoint's concern is simply misplaced. As Omnipoint itself correctly argues, a regulatory position seeking to incorporate non-telecommunications services into the definition of CPNI would be at odds with the statutory language itself. The statute is sufficiently clear that no further clarification is required.

IV. <u>CONCLUSION</u>

For all of the above reasons U S WEST supports and opposes the various petitions for reconsideration and/or clarification addressed above.

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⁵⁷ Omnipoint at 3, 19-20.

⁵⁸ Comments of Omnipoint, CC Docket Nos. 96-115 and 97-149, filed Mar. 30, 1998 at 4-6.

⁵⁹ Reply Comments of U S WEST, CC Docket Nos. 96-115 and 96-149, filed Apr. 14, 1998 at 13-15.

⁶⁰ Omnipoint at 20.

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